

Beloved, the briefest words are best,  
And all the fine euphemous ways  
In which the truth has been expressed  
Since Adam's early Eden ways,  
Could never match the simple phrase—  
Sweetheart, I love you!

If I should say the world were blank  
Without your face, if I should call  
The stateless witness, rank on rank,  
That I am true, although they fall,  
Twould mean but this, and this means all;  
Sweetheart, I love you!

And so, whatever change is wrought  
By time or fate, delight or dole,  
One single happy, helpful thought,  
Makes strong and calm my steady soul,  
And these few words contain the whole—  
Sweetheart, I love you!

I will not wrong the truth, to-day,  
By wild, impasse'd woes of faith;  
Since all that volumes could cover,  
Is compassed thus in half a breath,  
Which holds and hallows life and death—  
Sweetheart, I love you!

## VARIOUS TOPICS.

The Texas legislature appropriated \$75,000 for frontier purposes.

Prickly heat and spring poetry are still backward crope.

One farmer, last year, near Cuero, netted \$500 from 3 acres of ribbon cane.

Work is soon to commence on the capitol building at Austin.

Texas is now importing a great many marmal sheep.

Nihilists are still trying to import dynamite into Russia, via Austria.

A \$400,000 fire of cotton goods took place at Manchester recently.

The wool crop of Bosque county this spring will be 20,000 lbs.

Prince Charles has been proclaimed king of Roumania.

City scavengers at Fort Worth have been indicted for neglect of duty.

Grecian soldiers are now under marching orders—on to Turkey.

This winter has wrought fearful destruction in cattle in Nebraska, the loss on aggregating \$3,000,000.

Mr. B. Alford was shot and killed by W. J. Taylor, at Marshall on the 26th ult., it is said in self-defence.

The clearance of cotton from Galveston for foreign ports, Feb. 23, was 9,893 bales, valued at nearly \$1,000,000.

Turkey and Greece should remember that where cannon is planted, it yields grape-juice.

Mrs. Noland's child near Milligan, was recently poisoned accidentally by an overdose of morphine.

John McNeil, murderer of the sailor A. Burke at New Orleans, has been convicted of manslaughter.

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The peach crop still promises well in the state.

A new Catholic church is to be built at Beaumont, named St. Louis.

Mrs. Rosa Giordi, an Italian woman committed suicide at San Antonio, last Thursday.

Lord Beaconsfield is very sick.

Silver is found in Atascosa county.

The editor of the San Antonio Express invites Mary Anderson to that city and says, "we will receive you with open arms." Slowly, Jeanne—are you a married man?

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Senator Cooper's bill, granting 1,280 acres of land for the benefit of soldiers, and widows and orphans from the late war, passed the Texas legislature the 29th ultimo.

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